

GOODMANHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th July 2026 at Paxwold, Goodmanham

Attendance: Cllrs, Mary Rook, Chris Buswell, Zoe Shinkins, Nigel Hammond, Derek Dunston, Andrew Goodwin, Fran Preston

Parish Clerk Jeremy Sherlock;

ERYC Cllr West

1 member of the public

22. Apologies, Dispensations and Declarations

Apologies – Cllr Tony Warnock-Smith (illness), ERYC Cllr Leo Hammond

23. Public Session

None

24. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 12th May 2026

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of 12th May 2026 be approved

25. Matters Arising - None

26. Vacancy – following advertising ERYC have advised that the Council can co-opt the current vacancy. The Clerk advised that he had received no requests to be co-opted. As the number of Councillors will reduce following full elections next May it was felt that this vacancy would have limited impact on Council business. If the Clerk receives any enquiries these will be reported to the next available meeting.

27. Parish Pit – Cllr Dunston reported that a group of volunteers had inspected the site in May with a view to identifying measures needed to improve it as a nature reserve. There are already a wide range of wildlife using the site. A number of measures are proposed:

1. Surface rubbish must be removed-such as old 45 gal drums, metal pickets, corrugated tin, wire netting and other objects hidden under the vegetation
2. The perimeter must be secured: Whilst looking uninviting from the road it is possible gain access to the area in a different direction.
3. Current bird boxes checked & replaced if required, a barn owl (*Tyto alba*) box should be fitted after a decision is made for the optimum site. There is plenty of room for some more: Bat boxes should also be installed.
4. Trees inspected for safety. There are a few Ash trees killed by dieback that will need trimming and the branches used as habitat piles. It should be mentioned that standing deadwood is an excellent habitat for Bats & woodpeckers.
5. Plant a few suitable trees:

No work can be carried out till after the end of September (Bird nesting season). Site clearance will be easier once the vegetation dies down.

It was noted that a Working Party and skip will be needed to clear the site. Appropriate PPE and a Risk Assessment will be needed.

28. Windfarm Grant 2025 – the Boot Scraper at the end of Fleetbeck Lane has been costed at £130 including installation. Consent from ERYC to locate on Highway Land is awaited. After the purchase of the daffodil bulbs, there will be a grant balance of £360 following the savings on the gravel. It was suggested that this be used for a Litter Bin at Springwells, subject to grant and ERYC consent.

RESOLVED that subject to ERYC consent, the balance of the Windfarm Grant be used to install a Boot Scraper at the end of Fleetbeck Lane at a cost of £130, and install a Litter Bin in Springwells (£360).

29. EGL2 Community Fund – at the March meeting it was agreed to submit an application for car park spacers. The fund closed for a period, but reopened in May. The Clerk sought competitive quotes with the best being £9,032.21. A grant application has been submitted for this sum.

Resolved that the action of the Clerk in submitting a grant application to the EGL2 Community Fund for £9,032.21 be endorsed, and the scheme be implemented if the grant is approved

30. Tree Inspections – the Council are responsible for trees in the Car Park and Parish Pit which need periodic inspection to minimise risk. The Clerk has received a quote of £120 to undertake this work.

Resolved that the Tree Inspections be approved at a cost of £120

31. Highway Issues – Cllr West advised that the yellow lines at the Pub corner will be installed before September. The Clerk has contacted Highways regarding a chicane at the Railway Bridge to improve pedestrian safety, and had been advised that this was not feasible. Cllr West advised that he would contact the section of the Council dealing with pedestrian and cycle safety to see if they could suggest a suitable option.
32. Telecom Wires – a local resident has queried whether some of the telecom wires in the Conservation Area could be removed as they are redundant. The Clerk has written to the resident, and contacted ERYC. The Chair has discussed further with the resident. ERYC have advised that the telecoms providers have delegated powers so there is little action that can be taken. In general telecom providers will only remove wires at the request of property owners as they may be required again in the future.
33. Insurance – The Council's Long Term Agreement with Zurich Municipal expires this year, so there is a need to seek competitive quotes. The budget for Insurance for 2026-27 is £425. The Clerk has contacted a number of Insurers who specialise in Parish Council Insurance requesting quotes that match the existing level of cover. The responses are shown in the table below:

Insurer	1 year cost	Long term agreement
Zurich Municipal	£404.80	£385.32 (3 years)
Clear Councils	No quote submitted	No quote submitted
AJG	No quote submitted	No quote submitted
James Hallam	No quote submitted	No quote submitted
CAS Insurance	£654.36	No quote submitted

The quote from Zurich Municipal represents the best value for money with their quotes falling within budget. The Council have insured through them for a number of years without any issues.

Resolved that the Council enter a 3 year Insurance agreement with Zurich Municipal from 2026-2029, with the premium for 2026-27 being £385.32

34. Council Risk Assessment 2026 – the Clerk had circulated an updated Council Risk Assessment. The only significant change from last year was the inclusion of risks associated with the Parish Pit.#

Resolved that the Council Risk Assessment be approved

35. AD627 – a partnership agreement had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting and had been supported. It had been signed by AD627 Working Group member Cllr Goodwin as it was needed to accompany a grant application to the EGL2 Community Fund.

Resolved that the signing of the AD627 Partnership agreement be endorsed

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36. Dog Fouling – the provision of additional signage and bag dispensers was discussed. It was felt that there were already lamppost signs, and that substantial additional signage was unlikely to be productive. A small number of stickers provided by ERYC are available. It was decided not to proceed with bag dispensers as these need to be permanently full to be effective, and would remove the responsibility for bag purchases from dog owners.
37. Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations – this review is being undertaken by ERYC. The only change proposed for Goodmanham is the small change to the Parish Council boundary that has previously been approved. It was agreed that no response was required.

38. Planning Consultations

1. Humberhead Solar project - EIA scoping notification – this is a consultation on issues that need to be covered in an environmental impact assessment prior to the anticipated submission of a planning application later this year. It was noted that the impact on Goodmanham Parish is limited so no comments will be submitted at this stage.

2. Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act) and Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) in relation to proposed boundary amendments for the Dogger Bank D Offshore Wind Farm – this relates to a proposed new cable to link the windfarm to the sub station near Beverley. The application boundary is some miles from Goodmanham Parish so it was agreed that no comments were required.

It was reported that 2 sites in Goodmanham have been put forward as part of the Local Plan “call for sites” process. These may or may not be included within a draft Local Plan when a formal consultation process would take place.

39. Finance

- a. Financial Situation - the current balance is £5,383.21. The Events balance is £2,906.93, and there is unsent grant of £558.59, leaving a general balance of £2,348.34. The second tranche of the Precept (£2,750) will be received in September.

Resolved that the financial situation be noted

b. Payments

Committee of Paxwold Training Centre	Room hire	£30.00
J Bouncetastic	Events	£210.00
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Gerald Pickford	Events	£50.00
J Sherlock	Salary	£180.92
HMRC	PAYE	£45.00
J Sherlock	Home working expenses	£26.00
Danielle Quiney	Events	£140.00
Parochial Church Council	Grass Cutting	£350.00
Local Authority Technology CIC	Map Service	£43.20
Gerald Pickford	Events	£400.00
Sam Dawson	Events	£100.00
J Sherlock	Salary	£180.92
HMRC	PAYE	£45.00
J Sherlock	Home working expenses	£26.00

c. Income

TSB	Interest	£5.40
Quizzes etc	Events fundraising	£240.50
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Client Profits	Events Donation	£200.00
East Riding Farm	Events Donation	£250.00
Party in the Park/ Quiz	Events fundraising	£355.00

40. Councillors Reports – Cllr Preston queried whether it is necessary to cut the village in half when utility works are undertaken as the alternative routes are difficult. The Clerk will raise with Highways. Cllr Goodwin advised that the Highway drains had been cleared.
41. Clerks Report (for information) – the Clerk advised that ERYC archives have been encouraging Parishes to deposit items with them. It was agreed that this would be considered by the Local History group.
42. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – to be identified between meetings
43. Date and time of next meeting –Monday 14th September 2026 at 7:00pm at Paxwold, Goodmanham

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